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STATUS OF THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Elements for possible inclusion in a draft on the status of the preparations for the World Summit for Social Development

Note by the Secretariat

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Trust Fund for the World Summit for Social Development

1. The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development:

(a) Recalls General Assembly resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992, in which the Assembly invited the Secretary-General to establish a Trust Fund for the World Summit for Social Development, in order to mobilize voluntary contributions from public and private sources for the financing of the additional activities required by the preparations for and the holding of the Summit, including the regional preparatory meetings, and for the financing of the participation of the least developed countries in the Summit and its preparatory process;

(b) Also recalls General Assembly resolution 48/100 of 20 December 1993, in which the Assembly invited all States to contribute generously to the Trust Fund;

(c) Notes that contributions to the Trust Fund have been received from 12 States and expresses its appreciation to them for their generosity and support;

(d) Reiterates the importance of participation from the least developed countries in the preparatory process of the Summit and in the Summit itself;

(e) Urges all States, public and private organizations and individuals to contribute generously to the Trust Fund to support preparatory activities for the Summit, and, in particular, to facilitate the fullest participation of the least developed countries in the preparatory process and the Summit itself, including through payments, to the extent that resources in the Trust Fund are available, of a subsistence allowance to their representatives.

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Activities undertaken since the first session of the Preparatory Committee

Cooperation with the host Government

2. The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development expresses its deep appreciation to the Government of Denmark for its preparations for the Summit, and notes with satisfaction the signing of the host government agreement between the United Nations and the Government of Denmark.

National level

3. The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development:

(a) Expresses its gratitude to the States that submitted national reports, notes that, including the reports submitted at the first session of the Preparatory Committee, the Secretariat has received a total of 26 national reports, and invites the Secretariat to explore the possibility of a larger diffusion and use of those reports;

(b) Invites Governments that have not yet done so to establish national committees for the preparation for the Summit, and also invites Governments to inform the Secretariat, to the extent possible, of the establishment of such committees;

(c) Requests the Secretariat to inform the Preparatory Committee at its third session, in an appropriate manner, of activities at the national level related to the preparations for the Summit.

Symposia, seminars and workshops

4. The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development:

(a) Notes the activities undertaken by the Secretariat in preparation for the Summit, including, inter alia, the organizations of symposia, seminars and workshops on issues of direct relevance to the Summit;

(b) Takes note of the content of the summary of discussions of the expert group meeting on poverty organized by the Secretariat and the World Bank, held in Lusaka, Zambia, in June 1994;

(c) Expresses its thanks to the Government of Zambia for its assistance and cooperation in the organization of the meeting, and to the Government of the

Netherlands for the financial contribution that it made towards the convening of the meeting;

(d) Notes the symposia, seminars and workshops organized by other entities of the United Nations system, Governments, non-governmental organizations and other public and private organizations, and expresses its appreciation for their contributions to the overall process of preparation for and follow-up to the Summit;

(e) Notes with appreciation the supportive activities undertaken at the regional level, notably by the regional commissions;

(f) Encourages the United Nations, the United Nations system, Governments, non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations and institutes to continue their initiatives to support the preparation for the Summit, including seminars, workshops and symposia.

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Non-governmental organizations

5. The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development:

(a) Notes with satisfaction that a large number of non-governmental organizations have been accredited to the Preparatory Committee;

(b) Expresses its appreciation for the contributions that non-governmental organizations are making to the preparatory process of the Summit;

(c) Encourages national and international non-governmental organizations to continue to extend their active participation to the preparatory process and follow-up of the Summit.

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Public information programme

6. The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development:

(a) Notes with appreciation the activities undertaken by the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat in disseminating information on the Summit, and its objectives and issues, and the media strategy proposed by the Department of Public Information;

(b) Also notes the active involvement of the United Nations information centres in undertaking special promotional activities and the implementation of the information programme and media strategy;

(c) Encourages the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat to continue its efforts in bringing the Summit to the attention of the widest possible audience;

(d) Encourages all organizations and agencies of the United Nations system to include the Summit and its objectives in their public information activities.